

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of playing a ~~poker poker-type~~ card game comprising at least one player making at least one ante wager in the poker-type game:

- a) at least one player receiving a first number of cards and a dealer receiving a second number of cards that is at least one card more than the number of cards received by the player;
- b) providing a set of community cards that can be used by the dealer and the player;
- c) exposing a rank of one of the dealer's cards to provide an exposed dealer card and leaving other dealer's cards unexposed;
- d) compelling the dealer to discard the exposed dealer's card if the rank of the exposed dealer's card is within a first range of values and compelling the dealer to discard an unexposed dealer's card if the exposed dealer's card is within a second range of values to determine the dealer's hand; and
- e) resolving the at least one ante wager according to rules of the ~~poker poker-type~~ game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming multiple-card poker hands from ~~[[a]]~~ i) the community cards and dealer's cards and ~~[[b]]~~ ii) the community cards and the at least one player's cards.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or 10.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X the ante wager after step c) ~~determining the dealer's hand~~ to remain in the game.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein the player has an option of a range of play wagers that may be placed in proportion to the ante that must be placed on the at least one ante to remain in the game.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of playing a poker ~~poker-type~~ card game in which hands are evaluated on the basis of poker ranks, the method comprising at least one player making at least two independent ante wagers in the poker-type game:

at least one player receiving a first number of cards and a dealer receiving a second number of cards that is at least one card more than the number of cards received by the player;
providing a set of community cards that can be used by the dealer and the player;
exposing the rank of one of the dealer's cards to provide an exposed dealer card and leaving other dealer's cards unexposed;

compelling the dealer to discard at least one card from the dealer's cards;
after the dealer has been compelled to discard the at least one card, allowing the player to withdraw at least one of the at least two ante wagers;

resolving any remaining ante wagers from the at least ~~one~~ two ante wagers not withdrawn by the player according to rules of the poker ~~poker-type~~ game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming multiple-card poker hands from a) the community cards and dealer's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one player's cards.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 7 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card after step c) when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or 10.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the player has an option of a range of play wagers that may be placed in proportion to the ante that must be placed on the at least one ante to remain in the game.

11. (ORIGINAL) A method of playing a poker-type card game comprising at least one player making at least two independent Ante wagers in the poker-type game:

- at least one player receiving cards and a dealer receiving cards;
- providing a set of community cards that can be used by the dealer and the player;
- allowing the player to withdraw at least one of the at least two Ante wagers;
- resolving the at least one wager according to rules of the poker type game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming multiple-card poker hands from a) the community cards and dealer's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one player's cards.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the player places at least two independent Ante wagers in the poker game and the player is allowed to withdraw at least one of the at least two Ante wagers during play of the poker game ~~11 wherein a number of cards provided to the dealer and plays is three and a first one of the dealer's cards is exposed, wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank and discard one of the unexposed cards.~~

13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or 10.

14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14 wherein the player has an option of a range of play wagers that may be placed in proportion to the ante that must be placed on the at least one ante to remain in the game.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein the two Ante bets are equal.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein a second Ante bet is limited to 3X a first Ante bet.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein when the dealer's revealed card is an Ace, the player must play both Antes and the dealer retains all dealer cards to play a best five out of six cards.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein when the player's hand is a pair or better, the player is permitted to play both Antes.

20. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein when the dealer's revealed card is a King, the player must play both Antes, and the dealer must discard a down card.

SUMMARY OF THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION

Applicant confirms the election of Group I, claims 1-10 for prosecution on the merits.

Claim 11 remains as a claim directed towards a non-elected invention, with Applicant retaining the right to file a Divisional Application on the subject matter thereof.

Original claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 1, and is now a claim within the Group I claims that are to be Examined on the merits. Claims 13-20 remain ultimately dependent from claim 12 and are therefore also to be examined on the merits.